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Women's History Month

Women in the Military

Women's history has concentrated on the right to vote as the primary impetus of the movement for equality. While the right to vote is essential and the base for all other rights, the history of women in war shows the beginnings of the battle for equality. Women, sometimes disguised as men, have participated in every war in the history of the United States. And this battle helped further the rights of every woman.



During the Revolutionary War women fought next to their husbands. Probably the two most famous names are those of Margaret Corbin and Mary Hays McCauly.

Margaret Corbin (at left) fought alongside her husband and is believed to be the first woman to fire cannons in the Revolutionary War. Corbin was also the first woman to receive a pension from the U.S. government as a disabled soldier.

You may recognize the picture at the right as Molly Pitcher. Mary Hays McCauly, better known as "Molly Pitcher," earned her nickname while braving the bullets during the height of the battle at Valley Forge. Cool water was needed to cool the cannon barrels and quench the thirst of the soldiers. Mary had made trip after trip carrying the cool spring water when she saw her husband fall wounded. Without a moment's hesitation, Mary picked up the rammer staff and replaced him at the gun.



In the War of 1812 it was not unusual for women to disguise themselves as men to join the battle. One of the most famous was Lucy Brewer who disguised herself as George Baker to become a U.S. Marine serving on "Old Ironsides." Eventually the Marine Corp acknowledged that she was possibly the first woman Marine.

During the Mexican American War women enlisted with their husbands. Sarah Borginis served with her husband and became camp cook. However, during the battle at Fort Texas General Taylor brevetted her to the position of colonel and handed her a musket. This made Sarah Borginis the first female ranking U.S. Army officer.

By the Spanish American War women were still not a real part of the military. But the horrible unsanitary conditions, typhoid epidemics and lack of qualified medical personnel caused the Congress authorize the U.S. to enlist female nurses ... but without military status. For three years, until the end of the war, more than 1500 women served in the states, over seas and on a hospital ship ... for \$30 a month.

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The establishment of the Army and the Navy Nurse Corps followed the Spanish American War but it wasn't until WWI that the government seriously looked at using women during wartime. Women took jobs in factories to support the war, as well as taking more active roles in the war than in years past. During WWI nearly 13,000 women enlisted in the Navy and the Marine Corps on the same status as the men. But, at the end of the war the women were not allowed to continue in the military.

After the war women's organizations, including the moderated National American Woman Suffrage Association, headed by Carrie Chapman Catt, took many opportunities to remind President Wilson and the Congress that the women's war work should be rewarded with their recognition of their political equality. In a speech on September 18, 1918, Wilson said, "We have made partners of the women in this war. Shall we admit them only to a partnership of suffering and sacrifice and toil and not to a partnership of right?"

The 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote was passed two years later. Charlotte Woodward, the only woman still living who attended the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention of 1848, at 81-years-old proudly cast her first vote.

While Hitler was warring in Europe the military minds in Washington were still ignoring the pressure from women's groups and others who wanted women in the military. Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers introduced a bill on May 28, 1941 to establish a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. The bill would have disappeared if General George C. Marshall had not taken interest. However, by late November of 1941 there was still no action taken. A very short time later the attack on Pearl Harbor changed their minds and changed forever the status of women in the military. Women became an essential part of the military, both at home and abroad. Today's military women are doctors, lawyers, pilots, heavy equipment operators, air traffic controllers, paratroopers, fork-lift operators and military police.



Women Marine Auxiliary marching in Washington



During the Korean era over 120,000 women were on active duty.

Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester receiving the Silver Star at an awards ceremony in Iraq. Hester is the first woman soldier since World War II to receive the Silver Star.

World War II



Black History Extravaganza

By Lou Zauner; photos by Glen Nock & Lou Zauner



On Saturday, February 17, two Black History extravaganzas were brought to the Home – the first in Lee Lounge beginning at 11 am; the second in Lincoln Theater beginning at 1 pm.

An “extravaganza” it was! A luncheon of extraordinary ethnic cuisine was prepared and served by Staff, Home Members

and friends in the community, giving the attendees a buffet luncheon never to be forgotten ... catfish, pork ribs, pigs feet, black-eyed peas, greens, spaghetti, a special rice dish of meats and spices, macaroni salad, potato salad, candied yams, macaroni and cheese, salad, rolls and butter. Oh yes, there was dessert – an enormous fruit salad of melons, pineapple, grapes plus potato pie, apple pie and peach cobbler.

Dozens of dedicated volunteers from our African-American community donated, organized and put in hours of work preparing and serving this

exceptional luncheon event. On the dining tables in Lee Lounge were books or leaflets presenting African-American celebrities or Black history events which have evolved “from slavery to freedom.” A book about Contralto Soprano Marian Anderson and a book about black cowboys were available along with a leaflet of “Black Inventors and Their Inventions,” which lists over 120 major contributions to industrial America.

The second extravaganza was the presentation of three Gospel Singer groups from Shiloh Church of God & Christ, King

Solomon Baptist Church, and the St. Mark Youth Choir. Introduced by Home Member Bernard Madkins and Staff Member Kevin James, the choirs entertained the audience for over 90 minutes with the poignant but joyful music from the faiths of African-Americans who turned to a Higher Power with their tragic plight and tragic history of our society.

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Tremont Williams and Ken Brooks man the grill.



right: Simone Strickland, Megan Edmontson, Shontha Bohanon. far right: Tremond Williams, Ken Brooks, Kevin James.

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It was indeed a grand event with thanks to those who donated so much time and effort to bring us a glimpse of black culture. Black History is a month to learn about our African-American citizens; and with some introspection, those of us who aren't of color may learn something about ourselves.

Thank you...

I would like to thank Lincoln Theater and the Veterans Home Administration for helping me make my Black History Celebration a success.

A special thank you goes to Carolyn Limbs and Kevin James for making our luncheon such a great event. The food was great and plentiful. And, thank you to the Home Members and Staff who made donations to the luncheon.

Bernard Madkins

23 More VA Vet Centers Coming

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) vet center program, which provides readjustment counseling and outreach services to combat veterans, is expanding into 23 new communities across the nation in the next two years. New vet centers will open in Montgomery, Ala.; Fayetteville, Ark.; Modesto, Calif.; Grand Junction, Colo.; Orlando, Fort Myers, and Gainesville, Fla.; Macon, Ga.; Manhattan, Kan.; Baton Rouge, La.; Cape Cod, Mass.; Saginaw and Iron Mountain, Mich.; Berlin, N.H.; Las Cruces, N.M.; Binghamton, Middletown, Nassau County and Watertown, N.Y.; Toledo, Ohio; Du Bois, Penn.; Killeen, Texas; and Everett, Wash. during 2007 and 2008. All vet centers provide counseling on mental health and employment, plus services on family issues, education, bereavement and outreach, to combat veterans and their families.



Did you know that the proceeds from the sale of veterans plates are used to expand veterans service in our community? And that they can be personalized? Plus you can an organizational decal. These plates are now also available for motorcycles. For more information contact the DMV or visit www.plates.co.gov



Photo above – “Pie People” Ethel Stanley, Don Stine, Lillian Stilson and Karen Riddle.

February 14, 2007

photos by Glen Nock

Some Notes from the *Veterans Report*

Veterans Seek Fort Ord Cemetery

Veterans in California are stepping up their efforts to raise money for construction of a long-planned cemetery on old Fort Ord property. \$4 million is needed to move ahead with a grant application for federal construction of the cemetery.

Veterans Organizations Plan Rally

Three veterans organizations are urging their members to rally in Washington, D.C. on March 17, 2007, to protect the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) from antiwar protesters. Billed as a protest marking the 4th anniversary of the start of the Iraq war's start and the 40th anniversary of a large march on the Pentagon against the Vietnam War, the March 17 event will commence near the memorial and end at the Pentagon. Protest organizers expect a large turnout. The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Rolling Thunder and other veterans groups are promising to form a protective ring around the Wall, which they consider hallowed ground.

Resolution Creates Medal of Honor Day

A resolution passed recently by the U.S. Senate designates March 25, 2007 as "National Medal of Honor Day." The day is set aside to acknowledge the more than 3,400 individuals who have received the nation's highest honor. According the Medal of Honor Society, there are presently only 111 living individuals who have received the Medal of Honor.

New Pentagon Channel Website Debuts

The Pentagon Channel at <http://www.pentagonchannel.mil> launched a redesign of its website last week. In addition to its current features of video on demand, live video streaming and podcasting, the redesigned site, adds two new, highly interactive features. The first includes I-frame technology that allows users to save and send Pentagon Channel video clips so that they can be shared beyond the site. The second is the addition of an upload tool that enables users to upload videos.

Hearing on Equity for Filipino Veterans

The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, led by Chairman Bob Filner (D-CA), recently held a hearing on H.R. 760, "The Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007." Filipino service members played a critical role in the U.S. victory in the Pacific during World War II, serving under the direct command of General Douglas Mac Arthur. In 1946, Congress mandated that Filipino soldiers would not to be considered active military for the purposes of veterans' benefits. "The Rescission Acts of 1946 took away rightfully earned benefits and the honor and respect due these veterans who served our country," said Chairman Filner. "I am hoping that the 110th Congress will finally correct the injustice inflicted on Filipino veterans over 60 years ago."

Veterans Report is the most comprehensive newsletter available to help Veterans stay current on benefits changes, learn about important legislation, get great discounts, and use the benefits earned in service. For more information on this and other available newsletter visit the website at www.military.com.



Grapevine Survey

This is a Customer Satisfaction Survey. We would appreciate it if you would take a moment to answer this questionnaire. Your feedback will enable the Public Information Office and the Grapevine staff to better meet the needs of the Home Members and Staff. Please return this completed survey to the Public Information Office.

Circle "Yes" or "No" and add comments when needed. Your input is important to us —

- 1) Do you have access to each new issue of the Grapevine? Yes No
If "No", where do you live? Section _____ Ward _____
- 2) Are you satisfied with the topics that are covered in the Grapevine? Yes No
- 3) Are there topics that you would like to see added? Yes No
- 4) What would you like to see more of in the Grapevine?
 - a) Home events? Yes No
 - b) Obituaries? Yes No
 - c) Employment Opportunities? Yes No
Home Member Compensated Volunteer Positions? Yes No
State Employment Positions? Yes No
 - d) Pictures? Yes No
 - e) Other:
- 5) How would you like to improve the Grapevine?
 - a) Color issues? Yes No
 - b) More pages? Yes No
 - c) Subscription service? Yes No
 - d) Other:

It's Tax Time Again ...

You may need to file 2006 taxes if you fall into one of these categories. If you don't, but federal withdrawals were taken out of your check(s), you may get money back by filing. (Amounts are income other than Social Security or VA pension):

Marital Status	Age	Filing	Gross Income
Single	Under 65		\$8,450
Single	65 or older		\$9,700
Married	Both under 65	Joint return	\$16,900
Married	One 65 or older	Joint return	\$17,900
Married	Both 65 or older	Joint return	\$18,900
Married	Any age	Filing separately	\$3,300

Thru April 14: Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Napa Senior Citizens Center, 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa. Free Courtesy of AARP. Call 255-1800 for appointment.

March 10 & March 24, Saturday: Tax-Aid, a group of professional accountants will prepare your tax return Free between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Lee Lounge. Drop-in (first come, first served)

Anytime: Morton & Co. Tax Office H & R Block
1732 Jefferson St., Ste. 8, Napa -or- 3222 Jefferson Street, Napa
254-0595 Grape Yard Shopping Center
Discount for Veterans 255-9477

If you have any questions, please call Gay Sherman, Social Work Service, at 944-4570, or stop by her office on 3E in Holderman.

2007 Grapevine Deadlines and Distribution Dates		
Month	Deadline	Distribution
Jan	12, 29	5, 19
Feb	9, 26	2, 16
Mar	12, 26	2, 16, 30
Apr	9, 23	13, 27
May	7, 21	11, 25
Jun	4, 18, 29	8, 22
Jul	16, 30	6, 20
Aug	13, 27	3, 17, 31
Sep	10, 24	14, 28
Oct	5, 22	12, 26
Nov	5, 15	9, 21
Dec	3, 17, 31	7, 21

From the Video Library

Thank you to post room staff employee
Vince Larghi for his donation of 20 tapes!

800 Toll Free Numbers

There has been a problem with accessing 800 toll free numbers from the Home's office telephones. There was a translation problem within the Centrex office telephone system, but that has now been resolved. We should be able to access 800, 866, 877 and 888 from all state phones except for those that are on-ground only systems.



The bidding on this signature artwork, Vineyard Mustard, began in November with the opening bid or \$40,000. Bidding will continue until the end of the Mustard Festival.

The 14th Annual "A Taste of Yountville"

Saturday, March 24 from 11 am to 5 pm

"A Taste of Yountville" is part of the annual Napa Valley Mustard Festival, a non-profit community service organization.

Dear Members,

The Yountville Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Information Center and the Town of Yountville welcomes you to "A Taste of Yountville!" The all-Yountville showcase will feature traditional samplings of gourmet restaurant fare, olive oils, vinegars, mustards, fine wines and micro-brews.

- Tasting tickets, commemorative wine glasses and Passports will be sold on site.
- Live entertainment will filter throughout Yountville's downtown area.
- Win fabulous, gourmet prizes.
- Experience Yountville's world-class restaurants through its "Wine & Dine Around" program featuring prix-fixe menus for lunch and dinner.

For more information call the Yountville Chamber of Commerce at 707.944.0904 or visit our website at www.yountville.com

If you are interested in participation, sponsorship or making a donation, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at the above number or email.

Thank you, from the Yountville Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Information Center

Kith n' Kin

On Tuesday, March 13th the popular Irish folksingers Kith n' Kin will perform at 1:30 pm in the Hospital Recreation Area (HRA).

Women's History Month Presentation

Saturday, March 24 at 10:30 am in the Hospital Recreation Area (HRA) Travis Air Force Base personnel will present "Herstory," a celebration of Women's History Month.

Bernard's Sports

Bowling: Darrell Gish bowled a 299 on February 13th in the Employees Invitational League. That is the second highest score bowled at the Veterans Home Lanes.

Pinochle: A Pinochle tournament was held in Lee Lounge on February 13. Third place went to Bob Tolson and Dan Goodman; second was Dorothy and Erby Bradford; the new champs are Marjorie Fletcher and Steve Springston.

Dominos: On February 21st a Dominos tournament was held with third place going to John Bolner and second to Jerry Massey. The new champ is Mickey Gandel.

Sat	Mar 3	Santa Rosa Simulcast
Fri	Mar 23	Warriors vs. Washington

March Programs at the Napa Valley Museum



The Napa Valley Museum will present the following programs in March, in conjunction with the exhibition, Innovation & Adaptation - Winery Architecture in the Napa Valley, on view through March 25, 2007:

- Saturday March 3** **An Afternoon with Howard Backen, FAIA Principal, Backen Gil-lam Architects** Howard was awarded a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, the highest honor in the profession in 1992. His current firm provides clients with design and project management for buildings including Go Fish and Press restaurants and Spottswoode and Cliff Lede wineries. Please join Howard for a discussion of his design philosophy and distinguished career. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.
- Lecture 3 to 4 pm*
Wine Reception 4 to 5 pm
- Saturday March 10** **The History of the Gravity Flow Winery** with Marvin Collins, Wine Historian Learn how the early industrial process of using gravity to handle materials came to be embraced by winemakers before World War I. After a long decline, the technique has again become a preferred method of moving grapes through the winery by winemakers seeking the highest quality wines. Mr. Collins will discuss both early and contemporary examples of the practice. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.
- Saturday March 14** **Bacchus the Rascal: A Bacchanalian History of Wine Seen Through 4,000 Years of Art** with Jan Shrem, Owner of Clos Pegase Winery Mr. Jan Shrem will discuss the design competition for Clos Pegase and present a survey of wine's ancient sources and the art it has inspired. It begins with the birth of the grape and the origin of wine as illustrated in Egyptian tomb paintings and meanders through wine-related images from such artists as DaVinci, Rembrandt, Dali and Picasso. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.
- Lecture 3 to 4 pm*
Wine Reception 4 to 5 pm
- Wednesday March 21** **Great Railway Travels of the World** with Morgan Lawrence, Travel Journalist Morgan gives a slide presentation and talk on Switzerland's famous Glacier Express (the slowest express train in the world) across the Swiss Alps, America's legendary Cumbres-Toltec Railroad (the finest and most spectacular example of steam era mountain railroading in North America) and Canada's popular "Arctic Circle" Algoma Central Railway. Free with admission. Call 707.944.0500 for reservations.
- 2 to 4 pm*

The Napa Valley Museum is a private, nonprofit institution, located in scenic Yountville at 55 Presidents Circle adjacent to Domaine Chandon. The Museum is dedicated to providing unique experiences that enrich the cultural fabric of our community through changing and permanent exhibitions and educational programs. The Museum is open daily, except Tuesday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for students/seniors and \$2.50 for youth 7-17. Children under seven are admitted free. For additional information, please visit www.napavalleymuseum.org or call 707.944.0500.

LINCOLN Theater



Sat
Mar 3
7:00 pm

**Benefit
Tickets
\$20-\$50**

LUNAFEST Presents: LUNAFEST Film Festival at Lincoln Theater

For 6 years LUNAFEST™ has been a national film festival that showcases short films by, for and about women. LUNAFEST is shown in more than 100 venues nationwide and is seen by over 20,000 viewers. These diverse films embody the unique, humorous, touching, and inspirational roles of women in our local, national and international communities. To date LUNAFEST has raised over \$140,000 for the Breast Cancer Fund and \$250,000 for local communities. Please join us for this opportunity to raise money for a very important cause.

Sun
Mar 11
3:00 pm

The Turn of the Screw featuring the San Francisco Opera Center's Adler Fellows

After the success of last season's Don Giovanni, Lincoln Theater brings back members of San Francisco Opera's prestigious Adler Fellowship Program in performance here in Napa Valley. Don't miss this opportunity to see these extraordinarily talented young stars on stage in Benjamin Britten's haunting opera based on the novella by Henry James. This is a brilliant, spine-tingling opera of ghosts, madness and mystery. Join us for a special preview of the opera by Dr. James Keolker, Friday evening, March 9th at 7:00 pm and Sunday afternoon, March 11 at 2:00 pm. This enlightening lecture is free with ticket to the performance.

Tue
Mar 20
7:00 pm

USAF Galaxy Brass Band The United States Air Force Academy Band Ensemble "Galaxy Brass" is coming to Lincoln Theater in Yountville for a FREE performance on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The event is FREE and open to the public, but reservations are required and every attendee must have a ticket. Call the Lincoln Theater Box Office at 707-944-1300 for free tickets which will be issued on a first-come basis. When it comes to "knock-your-socks-off" entertainment, Galaxy Brass wins the prize. Comprised of eleven brass, percussion and vocal specialists, this unique ensemble lights up stages across America with brassy hits, enticing vocals and audience-engaging choreography. The group presents exciting original arrangements, from traditional brass music to today's Broadway favorites to classic rock 'n roll. Galaxy Brass is an innovative concept, blending the very best from the world of brass ensembles with the sizzle of '70s horn bands, a unique variety that entertains audiences of all ages. Galaxy Brass performs for hundreds of thousands each year supporting Air Force troop morale, recruiting and community relations missions. Established in 1998, Galaxy Brass' exciting presentations are redefining and elevating America's traditional idea of military bands.

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Napa Valley Symphony

Welcome to a Napa Valley Tradition...

Sunday March 18 at 3:00 pm – Classical IV : John Covelli, piano Grieg, Piano Concerto, Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique - Refreshing and vibrant.

While recognized as one of the more versatile conductors of his generation, John Covelli also has been known and respected as an extraordinary pianist. A Chicago-born piano prodigy studying since age 4, as a child he won composing prizes and other awards, and performed numerous concerts and broadcast recitals, including a performance with the Chicago Symphony at age 9. As a teenager, he was the only concert pianist ever to win the famous Godfrey Talent Scout Program and appeared in a series of nationwide CBS-TV performances.

His New York debut drew rave notices. While conductor and soloist of the famed Seventh Army Symphony, he was selected special musical ambassador for USIS, gleaning accolades as featured touring soloist throughout Europe.

As a winner in two of Europe's most prestigious piano competitions -- the Queen Elizabeth of Brussels, and Busoni International Piano Competition in Bolzano, Italy -- Covelli was launched from youthful prodigy to an international performer of major standing.

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Fri Mar 23 8:00 pm **Lila Downs** presented in partnership with Jacalyn Kane Productions. Lila Down's new wave crossborder Latino music transcends cultural barriers and infuses blues, jazz and traditional cubias into a powerful musical, cultural and political statement. The emotional vibrancy of Lila's music delves deep into the hearts and minds of common people, invoking struggles, lost loves and legends. Lila's CD Una Sangra (One Blood) earned a 2004 Latin Grammy, and her performance on the soundtrack of the movie Frida earned her much deserved critical acclaim.

Sun Mar 25 5:00 pm **Vienna Choir Boys** The Vienna Choir Boys is one of the oldest boys' choirs in the world. For nearly five hundred years they have been a symbol of Austria. In addition to classical choir favorites - from Bach to contemporary music - the Vienna Choir Boys will perform short staged works and children's operas, which allow the boys to show off their skills as actors and comedians, and even as instrumentalists. The Vienna Choir Boys combines music with poetry, dance, theatre and visual arts. Bring the entire family to enjoy this performance!





Residential Care Special Events

Sign up early! Activities can fill quickly. All activities are subject to change.

March 2007

	Date	Time	Event	Bus	Site	Signup
3	Sat	7:30 am	Cribbage Tournament		LL	Yes
		9:30 am	Santa Anita Simulcast	MDR		Yes
4	Sun	1:30 pm	Truckee HS Band		HRA	
6	Tue	8:30 am	Vallejo CostCo	MBS		Yes
9	Fri	8:00 pm	"The Turn of the Screw"	CANCELLED	LT	Yes
10	Sat	8:00 am	Tax Assistance		LL	
		2:00 pm	Poets & Writers	<i>location changed to MDR</i>		
11	Sun	3:00 pm	"The Turn of the Screw"		LT	Yes
14	Wed	9:00 am	Allied Council		GH	
15	Thu	10:00 am	Remembrance		Chp	
18	Sun	7:30 am	Napa Senior Center Brunch	MBS		Yes
		3:00 pm	John Covelli & Symphone		LT	Yes
20	Tue	1:00 pm	Hess Winery Tour	MBS		Yes
		7:00 pm	The Galaxy Brass AF Band		LT	Yes
22	Thu	10:00 am	See's Candy Sale		HRA	
23	Fri	5:00 pm	Warriors Game	MDR		Yes
		8:00 pm	Lila Downs Latino Music		LT	Yes
25	Sun	5:00 pm	Vienna Boys Choir		LT	Yes
28	Wed	8:15 am	SF Ferry Trip	MBS		Yes
		12:30 pm	LeMelange Academy	MDR		Yes
29	Thu	10:00 am	Bunch for Lunch	MBS		Yes

Key – 1C/1D: Hospital 1C/1D patio; **Bor:** Borman Field; **Chp:** Chapel; **GH:** Grant Hall; **GR:** Games Room; **HL:** Hospital Lobby; **HRA:** Hospital Recreation Area; **LL:** Lee Lounge; **LT:** Lincoln Theater; **MBS:** Main Bus Stop; **MDR:** Main Dining Room; **MPG:** Main Picnic Grounds; **SF:** San Francisco; **Tav:** Tavern; **VHC:** Veterans Home Cemetery; **VGC:** Vintners Golf Course; **VHL:** Veterans Home Lanes; **XII:** Annex II; **Ynt:** Yountville; **YVP:** Yountville Veterans Park.

Napa Valley Navy League March Meeting and April Breakfast

Annual Business Meeting: Friday, March 2nd, 10:00 am in Lee Lounge for all current and prospective Navy League Members. Everyone Welcome. Agenda: General Meeting of Membership, Nominations and Elections of Officers, Planning for 2007 events and activities

Spring Breakfast Meeting: Saturday, April 7th, 10:00 am at Compadres. Breakfast is \$15 per person, Home Members sign up in the Activities Office. Agenda: Breakfast, Installation of Officers, Guest Speaker: "Sea Power and the American Navy, Past, Present and Future"

MOVIE NIGHT IN GRANT HALL

Fri, Mar 2 – “Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont”

A new (2005) comedy/drama stars Joan Plowright and introducing Rubert Friend. This is a pleasant story of an elegant, genteel widow who has come from Scotland to London to take up residency at the Claremont hotel. The interaction with the other residents, her grandson and a new-found young male friend make the story interesting, tender touching and deeply moving. Especially recommended as a fine film without violence, no strong language and no sexual situations. Peter O’toole’s son, Lorcan O’toole plays the grandson. Three stars ☆☆☆



Wed, Mar 7 – “Dances With Wolves” [part 1]

A 1990 drama starring and directed by Kevin Costner. This extraordinary film tells the story of an idealistic young Civil War soldier who makes friends with a Sioux Indian tribe. A triumph in many respects. Winner of seven Oscars for Best Picture, Director, Screenplay, Original Score, Cinematography, Editing and Sound Recording. Great South Dakota locations best seen on the big screen. Cast includes Mary McDonnell, Rodney Grant, Floyd Red Crow Westerman, Tantoo Cardinal, Charles Rocket, Maury Chaykin and Larry Joshua. The film is shown in two parts because of its length. Four stars ☆☆☆☆

Fri, Mar 9 – “Dances With Wolves” [part 2]

Wed, Mar 14 – “Rear Window”

A 1954 Alfred Hitchcock classic thriller stars James Stewart, Grace Kelly, Wendell Corey, Thelma Ritter and Raymond Burr. Stewart plays a photographer confined to a wheelchair in his apartment, using binoculars to pass the time observing his courtyard neighbors. He discovers suspicious activity in one of the neighbor’s apartment. He, along with his girlfriend (Kelly), investigates what appears to be a murder. Three and a half stars ☆☆☆1/2

Fri, Mar 16 – “Flika”

This new (2006) drama is a loose adoption of the book “My Friend Flika” and stars Alison Lohman, Tim McGraw and Maria Bello. Beautiful horses roam in beautiful countryside with mountain views. The 16 year-old daughter sets out to tame a wild mustang and the interaction with the horse and her family results in a heartwarming movie. An above average family entertainment.



GRANT HALL
Theater doors
open at 5:15 pm
Wednesdays &
Fridays

Special selected
presentations at
5:30 pm

Feature Film
begins at 6:00 pm

The Digital
Theater is
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Veterans
Remembrance
Committee,
The MW&R Fund
and AMVETS

Neil Remnant,
Movie
Coordinator

Monday Night Movies in the HRA

March 5 – “The Harvey Girls” with Judy Garland, John Hodiak, Angela Lansbury (1946)

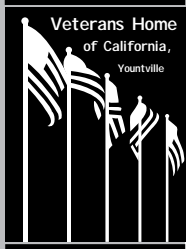
March 12 – “Night and Day” based on Cole Porter with Cary Grant, Alexis Smith, Eve Arden, Mary Martin (1946)

March 19 – “South Pacific” Rogers & Hammerstein musical with Mitzi Gaynor and Rosanno Brazzi (1958)

March 26 – “42nd Street” with Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler, Ginger Rogers (1933)

Movies begin at 6 pm. Bear Flag Service is available following the movie.

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The AMVETS Service Foundation logo is a circular emblem. It has a gold laurel wreath border. Inside the wreath is a red circle with the words "AMERICAN VETERANS" in white. In the center of the red circle is a white silhouette of a soldier standing with a rifle.

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